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SUBJECT: EMERSON MINI-TAT SYSTEM

1. WHEN I HAD FINISHED MY DISCUSSIONS WITH KING AFTERNOON
OF JANUARY 16, CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL HIKMAT ASKED ME
FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING A PROBLEM WHICH HAD ARISEN
OVER A GIFT TO KING HUSSEIN.

2. HE EXPLAINED THAT EMERSON ELECTRIC, MANUFACTURER
OF THE TOW SYSTEM AND THE MINI-TAT MACHINE GUN FOR
HELICOPTERS, HAD OFFERED KING A GIFT OF ONE OF THE
LATTER. KING HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED BY EMERSON THAT
THEIR REQUEST FOR A MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE FOR
THE GIFT HAD BEEN DISAPPROVED. EMERSON HAD INDI-
CATED IT WAS REINSTITUTING ITS REQUEST BY ASKING
FOR A REVIEW. IT EXPECTED A DELAY OF SIXTY TO
EIGHTY DAYS FOR THIS REVIEW TO TAKE PLACE. IT ALSO
SUGGESTED THAT JORDAN MIGHT WISH ALSO TO MAKE A
REQUEST FOR THE SYSTEM UNDER FMS ARRANGEMENTS.

3. I TOLD THE CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL THAT WE
WOULD ASK FOR AN INDICATION OF WHAT PROBLEMS HAD
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ARISEN CONCERNING THE MC REQUEST AND SEEK TO RESOLVE
THEM IF WE COULD. HE SAID THAT IF THE US NEEDED AN
OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF THE SINGLE SYSTEM FOR THE KING
UNDER FMS ARRANGEMENTS, WE COULD CONSIDER THAT HIS APPROACH
TO ME CONSTITUTED SUCH AN OFFICIAL REQUEST. I SAID
THAT FMS PROCEDURES NORMALLY RELATE TO WEAPONS BOUGHT DIRECTLY
FROM THE US DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FOR CASH OR CREDIT AND

WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR A GIFT. IN ANY EVENT, THE SAME DECISION ON RELEASE HAD TO BE MADE AND THEREFORE THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE FIRST ADDRESSED BY THE EMBASSY IN MUNITIONS CONTROL CHANNELS.

4. EARLIER THE KING HAD TOLD ME OF THE GIFT OF THE MINI-TAT SYSTEM WHICH WAS PROFERRED AT THE FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GOJ AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THAT JORDAN IS INTERESTED IN THE RELEASE OF THE ONE GIFT SYSTEM ONLY, NOT IN THE PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER. APPARENTLY THE KING WHISES TO EQUIP ONE OF THE HELICOPTERS IN THE ROYAL FLIGHT WITH THE SYSTEM TO USE AGAINST TERRORISTS IN ISOLATED AND INACCESSIBLE AREAS. AS YOU KNOW THERE ARE STILL TERRORISTS WHO ATTEMPT TO CROSS BORDER INTO ISRAEL. HIS INTEREST IN THE ITEM CAME OUT INITIALLY WHEN HE DISCUSSED WITH ME THE NOVEMBER 17 TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE AMMAN INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. KING OFTEN FLIES WITH ONLY ONE ACCOMPANYING HELICOPTER AND SINCE THE ABOVE HOTEL RAID HAS MOVED TO TIGHTEN ALL ASPECTS OF SECURITY FOR SENIOR FIGURES IN JORDAN. GIVEN THE KING'S OWN PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE, WE ARE SURPRISED THAT THE EMBASSY WAS NOT CONSULTED ABOUT THE MC LICENSE APPLICATION OR INFORMED IN ADVANCE ABOUT THE DECISION.

5. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT EMERSON UNDOUBTEDLY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO THIS GIFT WITHOUT INFORMING THE JORDANIANS OF THE NEED FOR AN MC LICENSE. WE
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ALSO ARE AWARE THAT SOME RESTRICTIONS HAVE IN THE PST BEEN PLACED ON THE EXPORT OF THIS SYSTEM. WE HOPE THAT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS CASE, THE VERY LIMITED NATURE OF THE ACQUISITION, ITS SPECIAL USE, AND THE ARMS SITUATION IN SECONDARY STATES COULD ALSO BE CAREFULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY REVIEW.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH PRESENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE CASE, INCLUDING THE DECISION ON THE INITIAL APPLICATION AND THE RATIONALE THEREFOR. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH EMERSON'S APPEAL OF THE DECISION, AND ASK THAT THE APPEAL OR REVIEW RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC AND SPEEDY RECONSIDERATION GIVEN THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED ABOVE.
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